

## Title: Increasing Student Engagement

### Abstract:

Presenters will highlight efficient ways to combine tech tools, such as Remind and ZOOM, to increase student engagement and faculty/student communication. Using Remind is a great way to provide information to students outside of LoudCloud, and Zoom is a tool for having synchronous meetings and conferences with students. Zoom conferences can be used to provide students with important information about courses and assignments and provides students with the chance to see their instructor and fellow classmates face to face. By combining Zoom and Remind, instructors can increase the number of students who attend their Zoom conferences and therefore increase student achievement in their courses. Participants of this presentation will walk away with strategies for implementing these technologies as well as best practices regarding when and where to use them in their online classrooms.

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My name is Lynn Basko. I have a Masters of Education in Curriculum and Instruction and a Bachelors of Arts in Elementary Education. I am currently attending GCU and earning my Doctorate in Educational Leadership with an emphasis in K-12 education. Before working as a full time online faculty member at GCU I worked as a 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher in Chandler, AZ for 8 years. I live in Gilbert, AZ with my husband of 5 years. We enjoy watching movies, hiking, traveling and spending time with our extended family. I also love children's literature, Disney, Harry Potter, and American History.



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